(iii) Separate Police narcotics cell has been created with centre at Bangalore.

Merger of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. with Shipping Corporation of India

@@1678. Shri ASH1SH SEN : WiU the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to merge the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited with Shipping Corpora tion of India Limited to protect the huge amount of money advanced to it;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do .not arise.

Smuggling of Weapons along the coastal lines

1679. SHRI V1REN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Statesman of 4th February, 1993 under the caption "Customs wake upto ISI arms flow";

(b) if so, what are the fact in this regard;

(c) whether , fact that inspite of alert sounded by the marine wing of the Customs the Intelligence Services, Customs,

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DRI failed to intercept the weapon consignments smuggled into the country along the coastal lines of Bombay, Konkan and South Goa;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what preventive measures Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (e) Government is aware of the news item. The Customs formations on the West Coast were suitably alerted. However, available reports do not indicate such landings of firearms.

Non-Refund of Money by Companies

1680. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a.) what is the number of complaints lodged with SEB1 with regard to non-refund of share money to non-allottees by the defaulting companies specially Aashi Pharmaceuticals Limited, Gujarat Ambuja Exports Limited and Everest Cement Limited, during the last year; and

(b) in which manner Government propose to redress the grievance of non-allottees in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) During the last year. SEBI received a total number of 2,18,838 complaints on account of non-receipt of refund orders/allotment advices. The number of complaints pertaining to non-receipt of Refund Orders received by